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Dr. Otto Glaser
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Dear Dr. Glaser:

Word has reached me through College sources that you are retiring at the end of this academic year. I, like most of your former students, I am sure, received this news with mixed feelings—a sense of great loss for the College now that your active teaching is to come to a close - a sense of pleasure at the memory of the time spent in your laboratories.

Since leaving Amherst, I completed Medicine at McGill University, a Residency in Surgery at Presbyterian Hospital in New York and work for a Doctor of Science in Medicine at Columbia University. Throughout this entire period, my research efforts have been confined largely to the field of "Water Balance in Surgery", Shock, Blood Transfusions, Preservation of Blood, Blood Substitutes, etc. Much of this interest undoubtedly stems from your early teaching and interest in the relationships of fluid distribution in the developing embryo as a factor in its differentiation and definitive form. I still feel that my senior essay on "Growth" was one of the best things I have done; and certainly, the preparation of this paper opened up more new fields to me than any similar exercise I have carried out since leaving Amherst.

None of us, of course, think of your retirement as an end of your association with Amherst. It simply means that your routines will be lessened and that you might perhaps have more time to do some of the things you have put off doing up until now. It is with a sense of real gratitude and deep affection that I wish you many years of care-free leisure to work at the things you like to do best.

Respectfully yours,

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